

STUDY OF THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE STUDENTS IN THE LIBRARY OF LEAD COLLEGE KHANDWA

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Abstract In Madhya Pradesh, one college at each district headquarters has been given the status of a leading college. It is the biggest and most resourceful college in the district. There are total 52 leading colleges in Madhya Pradesh. Similarly, the leading college of Khandwa district is Shri Nilkantheshwar Government Post Graduate College. 5283 students are studying in present session of 2022-23. It is included in the old and good colleges of the state. In this research paper, the study of the infrastructure of the library and the facilities available for the students is being presented. The purpose of this research paper is to find out the status of the facilities available for the students in the libraries in the lead colleges of Madhya Pradesh and how much the students are taking advantage of them. If the excellence of the facilities is known from the study, it could be adopted as a model. On the contrary, suggestions can be given for the upgradation of the library so that better facilities can be made available to the students in future. Research methods such as field visits, observation of documents, interviews and questionnaires have been used to obtain data and information for this research paper. It was found in the study, that the condition of the library is very good. Sufficient number of books are available. The infrastructure is sufficient. Modern technology is being used, but there is a need to improve the number of students taking advantage of these facilities. This is the original work of the researcher and useful from the point of view of library upgradation.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLEGE

Government Shri Neelkantheshwar Post Graduate College, Khandwa was started as a private college on 1st July, in the year just after independence. After fifteen years in 1963, Madhya Pradesh government acquired it and it was converted into a government college. The college is a multi-faculty co-education institution comprising Arts, Science, and Commerce faculties along with number of self-finance courses. College is recognized by UGC (New Delhi).

LIBRARY INFRASTRUCTURE

A rich library was found in the college. It is known that when it was established as a private college, poet and freedom fighter Mr. Makhanlal Chaturvedi had donated books for the library. After the takeover by the government in 1963, the library has developed at a rapid pace. Presently text books, reference books, research journals, periodicals etc. are available in the library.

Separate building is available for library. The length of the building is 123 feet and the width is 30 feet. In this way the building is built in 3690 square feet. Reading room, classroom and e-library room have been made in this building. Their area is 500 square feet and 540 square feet respectively.

Presently one librarian, one sweeper and two book lifters are working in the library. One book lifter is appointed by the government and considering the excess of work, an additional book lifter has been appointed through Jan Bhagidari Samiti. Their names are as follows (Table 1):

Table 1

Sr. No.	Name	Post
1	Mrs. Hemlata Nagar	Librarian
2	Mr. Sandeep Vishwakarma	Book lifter
3	Mr. Umesh Atere	Book lifter
4	Mr. Avdesh Solanki	Peon

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BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

The number of books available in the college library on the date of survey was found to be 62131. These include 1285 reference books. Most of the books belong to the category of textbooks. These books are divided into total 22 parts according to faculty and subject. Accordingly, different numbers of books are being presented through the Table 2:

Table 2

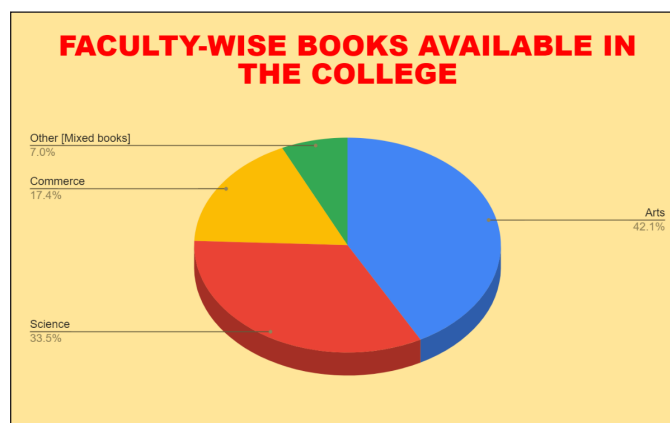
Sr. No.	Subject	Number of Books
1	Commerce	10957
2	Chemistry	5005
3	Botany	3984
4	Zoology	4108
5	Physics	241
6	Mathematics	5917
7	Microbiology	454
8	Biotechnology	214
9	Pharmaceutical Chemistry	113
10	Computer Science	1079
11	Political Science	3555
12	History	3296
13	Sociology	3270
14	Economics	3933
15	Hindi Sahitya	6485
16	English Literature	2712
17	Philosophy	1237
18	Sanskrit	900
19	Social Work	396
20	Public Administration	794
21	Bio chemistry	41
22	Other	4430
	Total	63121

The books of the Faculty of Commerce include books of all the subjects of the faculty, such as- Bookkeeping and Accounting, Statistics, Advanced Accounting, Cost Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Auditing, Economics, Company Law, Business Norms, Business Communication, Management etc. According to individual subject, maximum number of Hindi literature books are available. The reason for this has been known that most of the students in the Faculty of Arts prefer to study Hindi literature as an elective subject. Along with this, many professors are also interested in the study of literature. Bio Chemistry books are the least, because it is a recently started subject and the number of students of this subject is also very less. The Presentation of the Faculty-Wise of Books is as follows (Table 3):

Table 3

Sr. No.	Faculty	Number of Books
1	Arts	26578
2	Science	21156
3	Commerce	10957
4	Other [Mixed books]	4430
	Total	63121

The presentation of faculty-wise books available in the college through pie chart is as follows:



It is clear from the above table and pie chart that most of the books in the college are related to Arts stream. On the second rank is the Faculty of Science and on the third rank is the Faculty of Commerce. The reason was found in the survey that due to the number of subjects taught in the Faculty of Arts and the number of students studying them, this faculty has the maximum number of books. Due to the number of students of science and commerce faculty being in second and third place, the number of books are also less in the same proportion. Other or mixed books include books for preparation of competitive exams as well as books of general interest.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

Daily and weekly newspapers and monthly magazines are purchased for the college library. Their separate details are as follows (Table 4):

Table 4

Sr. No.	Name of the Newspaper	Period	Language
1	Naidunia	Daily	Hindi
2	Dainik Bhaskar	Daily	Hindi
3	Patrika	Daily	Hindi
4	Raj Express	Daily	Hindi

Sr. No.	Name of the Newspaper	Period	Language
5	Chautha Sansar	Daily	Hindi
6	Swadesh	Daily	Hindi
7	Navbharat	Daily	Hindi
8	Business Standard	Daily	English
9	Free Press	Daily	English
10	Rojgar aur Nirman	Weekly	Hindi

Table 5: Monthly Magazines

Sr. No.	Name of the Magazine	Language
1	Pratiyogita Darpan	Hindi
2	Ghatna Chakra	Hindi
3	Chronical	English
4	Success Mirror	English
5	Aavishkar	Hindi

It has been found in the survey that students have to go to the library to read newspapers and magazines. The facility to read them is available in the library itself. These are not issued to the students.

STATUS OF RESEARCH JOURNALS

The condition of this college is very good from the point of view of research journals. The following 19 research journals are available here (Table 6):

Table 6

Sr. No.	Name of the Research Journal	Language
1	International Journal of Social Science	English
2	Veena	Hindi
3	Akshara	Hindi
4	Environmental Conservation Journal	English
5	Alochana	Hindi
6	Bombay Natural History Society	English
7	Chintan Parampara	Hindi
8	Sahitya Amrit	Hindi
9	Sakshatkar	Hindi
10	Journal for Social Reality	English

Table 7

Sr. No.	Session	Total Number of Students	Number of the Benefited Students	Percentage of the Students, Who Got Books Issued
1	2013-14	2645	1132	42.80
2	2014-15	2832	1050	37.08
3	2015-16	2705	901	33.31
4	2016-17	3170	1270	40.06

Sr. No.	Name of the Research Journal	Language
11	Institute for Social Development and Research	English
12	Indian Journal of Society and Politics	English
13	Asian Journal of Chemistry	English
14	International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Research	English
15	Shodh Chetana	Hindi
16	Journal of the Indian Association for Angiosperms Taxonomy	English
17	Indian Journal of Economics and Research	English
18	Social Work Chronicle	English
19	Central India Journal of Historical and Archaeological Research	English

It is obvious that enough research journals are available in Hindi and English for the readers of Arts, Science and Commerce faculty. These are used by academic staff and Ph.D. K is being done by research scholars. By observing the Research Journal issue register, it is known that Research Journals have been issued by very few persons.

STATUS OF COMPUTER AND E-LIBRARY

There are 17 computers available in the college library. E-library facility has also been provided to the students. Students can read e-books sitting here and can also get them by downloading them in PDF form.

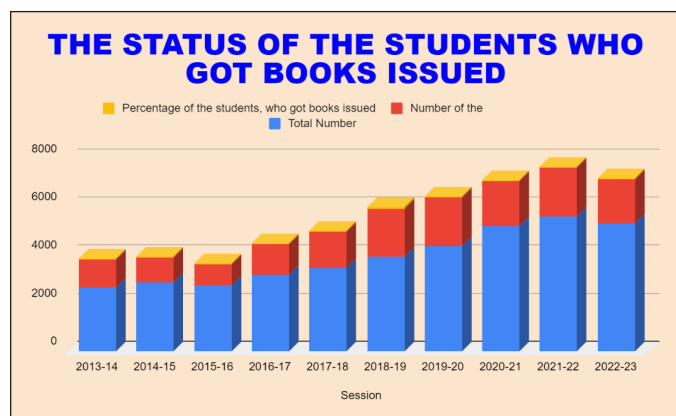
BOOK ISSUANCE PROCESS

Books are issued to the students and staff members. Maximum two books are issued for maximum 15 days to a student at a time. Books are provided only to regular students and the academic staff by making necessary entries in the issue register made for them.

The number of students who got books issued from the library in the last ten years was as follows follows (Table 7):

The status of the students who got books issued by taking advantage of the library relative to the students admitted in the college is being presented through the Table 7 and graph:

Sr. No.	Session	Total Number of Students	Number of the Benefited Students	Percentage of the Students, Who Got Books Issued
5	2017-18	3430	1501	43.76
6	2018-19	3901	2019	51.76
7	2019-20	4361	1998	45.82
8	2020-21	5171	1879	36.34
9	2021-22	5567	2038	36.61
10	2022-23	5285	1846	34.93
	Total	39067	15634	40.02



STUDY ROOM

Study room is very useful for the students. Those students who do not have favorable arrangements for studies at their place of residence, they prepare seriously for the examination here. Even if there is an empty period between two classes in the college, students can make good use of their time by studying in the study room.

During the survey, it was seen that there is arrangement of study room in the college. Maximum forty students can study here simultaneously. Proper lighting, cleanliness and calm environment were seen here. Students can study in the study room by bringing their own books, notes etc. with them for study.

STUDENTS RESPONSES ABOUT FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

The opinion and response of the students regarding available facilities in the library has been ascertained through the questionnaire. For this, 300 students of graduate and post-graduate classes were selected on the basis of sample. This study is being presented through the following subheadings-

Do You Get Books Easily from the Library?

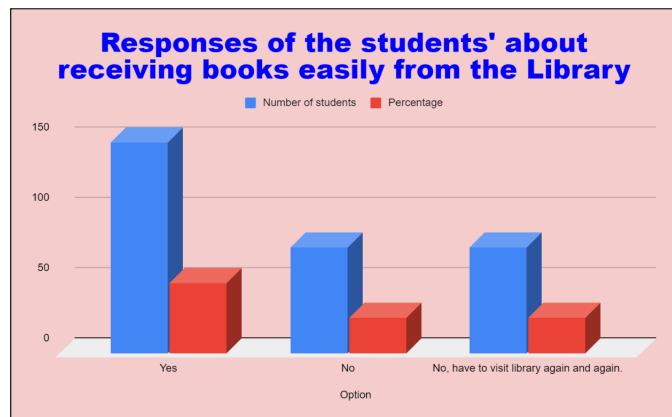
This question was asked to find out how student-friendly the library's system of issuing books to students is. To answer this question, three options were provided to the students – yes, no and no, they have to visit the library again and again.

The answers given by the students were as follows (Table 8):

Table 8: Responses about Getting Books Issued

Sr. No.	Option	Number of students	Percentage
1	Yes	150	50
2	No	75	25
3	No, have to visit library again and again.	75	25
	Total	300	100

Presentation of data by column graph is as follows:



Analysis

- 50 percent of the students are of the opinion that they do not face any difficulty in getting books from the library.
- 25 percent students are not correcting the system of issuing library books.

- The experience of 25 percent students has been that they have to make repeated rounds to get the books they need from the library.
- Fifty percent of the students are dissatisfied with the book.

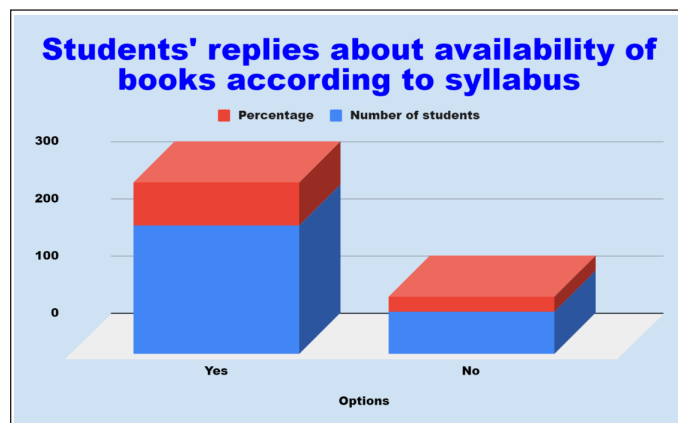
Are There Enough Books Available in your College Library According to Your Syllabus?

The purpose of this question was to get information about the availability of books in the library according to the syllabus of different classes. The students have provided the following information by answering yes or no (Table 9).

Table 9: Responses about Availability of Books According to Syllabus

Sr. No.	Options	Number of Students	Percentage
1	Yes	225	75
2	No	75	25
	Total	300	100

The presentation of data by graph is as follows:



Analysis

- 75 percent of the students believe that there are enough books available in the library according to the syllabus, while 25 percent of the students have the opposite opinion. According to them, there are not enough books available in the library according to the syllabus.
- It was found in the survey that the syllabus of some classes is the same for many years, so their books are being bought.

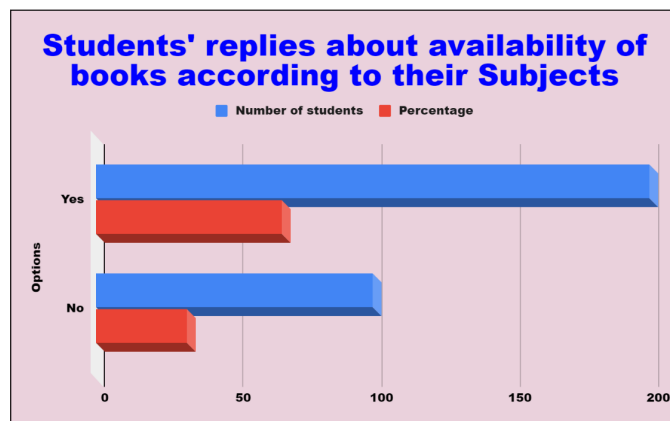
Are There Enough Books of Your Subject Available in Your College Library?

Through this question, the condition of availability of subject wise books in the library was to be assessed. By answering yes or no, the students provided the facts as follows (Table 10):

Table 10: Responses about Availability of Books According to Subjects

Sr. No.	Options	Number of Students	Percentage
1	Yes	200	67
2	No	100	33
	Total	300	100

The presentation of data by column graph is as follows:



Analysis

- 67 percent of the students believe that there are enough books available in the library according to the subjects chosen by them, while 33 percent of the students do not believe so. According to him, there is a dearth of books on his subjects.
- It was found in the survey that a good number of books are available for the subjects being taught earlier and for years. Books on newly introduced subjects are relatively less.

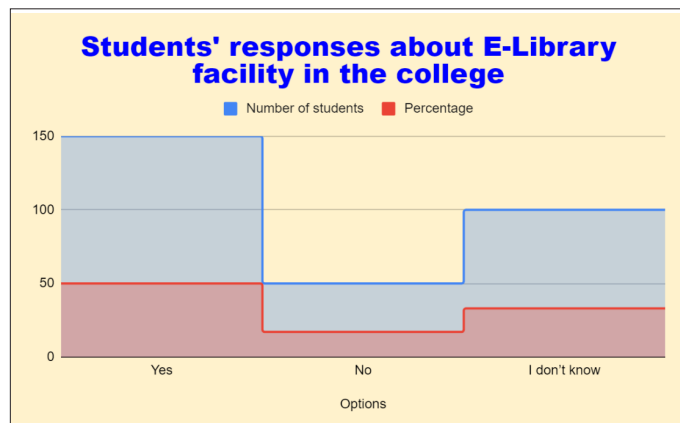
Is the Facility of E-Library Available in Your College?

The present era is the era of digital technology. Due to the availability of e-library facility and its information to the students, they can easily get more good sources of study. This question was asked to know about this. The students were given three options to answer - Yes, No and I don't know. The answers of the students were as follows (Table 11):

Table 11: Responses about Availability of E-Library in the College

Sr. No.	Options	Number of Students	Percentage
1	Yes	150	50
2	No	50	17
3	I don't know	100	33
	Total	300	100

The presentation of data by graph is as follows:



Analysis

- 50 percent students answered yes, 17 percent students answered no and 33 percent students say that they do not know whether the facility of e-library is available in the college or not. In this way, fifty percent of the students lack information.
- During the survey it was found that the facility of e-books and e-journals is available in the college library.

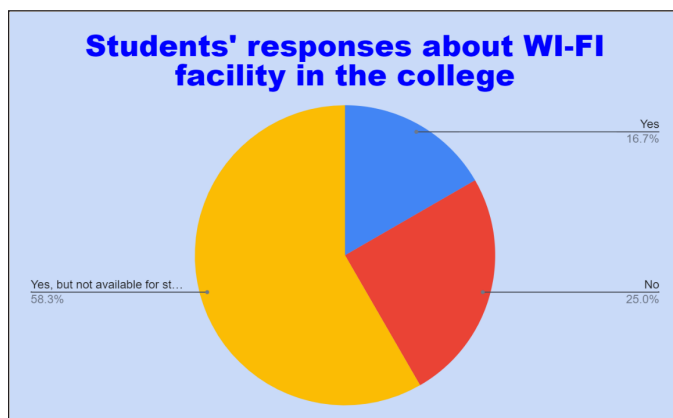
Is Wi-Fi Facility Available in Your College?

The economic condition of most of the students studying in the colleges of Nimar area is normal. They are unable to bear the expenses of smart phone and internet data. With a Wi-Fi enabled campus, students can effectively access their studies through the internet and download the required content. This question was asked to know about the availability of Wi-Fi facility. The students were given three options to answer – yes, no and is. But the students do not have the facility to use it. The students gave these answers (Table 12):

Table 12: Responses About Availability of Wi-Fi Facility in the College

Sr. No.	Options	Number of Students	Percentage
1	Yes	50	17
2	No	75	25
3	Yes, but not available for students' use.	175	58
	Total	300	100

The presentation of data by graph is as follows:



Analysis

- 75 percent students have told the availability of Wi-Fi facility. But 58 percent of these students say that this facility is not available to the students.
- 25 percent students denied the availability of Wi-Fi facility.
- The survey found that Wi-Fi facility is not available in the entire college campus.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of observing the library and the documents stored there and on the basis of the facts obtained from the students through questionnaire and direct discussion, it can be said that the condition of the library is very good. There are sufficient number of books on all subjects and the management of their maintenance is also praiseworthy. Modern technology is being used. The disappointing thing is that the number of students using the library is much less than the total number of students enrolled and studying.

There is a need to focus on this point so that most of the students can build their bright future by taking advantage of the source of knowledge.

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